

In such a business as the  
Lecture Agency <sup>conducts</sup> & absolute accuracy  
of detail is of the utmost  
importance. In my experience  
the Lecture Agency is absolutely  
accurate. and it has always  
been a pleasure to me to have  
had dealings with them

Robert Ball

astronomy

OBSERVATORY,  
CAMBRIDGE.

7 Feb 1906

During the last fifteen  
years or longer the Lecture  
Agency have made many  
engagements for me to lecture  
in various places

It gives me the greatest  
pleasure to testify to the very  
admirable way in which the  
Lecture Agency does its business. I  
can say that I do not think  
on any single occasion have I  
ever found any point overlooked  
or any thing done otherwise  
than as I thought it could  
be best done

Ball 3 Dec 1905 2/11

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been to me truly a  
delight - to have been able  
to visit California and  
especially to have availed  
myself of your delightful  
invitation to Los Angeles.

Please present my  
compliments to the  
President & Officers of the  
Southern California Academy  
of Sciences

& believe me  
Yours truly  
Robert Ball

Sir Robert Ball

OBSERVATORY,  
CAMBRIDGE.

17 Aug 10

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your  
very kind letter of Aug 3  
alas I was unable to  
accept the very kind  
invitation to the Astrophysical  
Conference. I am spending  
my holidays at a quiet  
seaside place at Wales.

But it would have

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approach either in  
numbers or in enthusiasm  
to the Bunker at  
Redderrimister

With kind regards &  
with best wishes for the  
Wendchester Scholar

Believe me to be  
Yours truly

Robert S Ball

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TELEGRAMS  
OVER  
CHESHIRE

OVER HALL,  
WINSFORD,  
CHESHIRE

10 Jan 00

Dear Mrs Tomkinson,

I must write a  
line to thank you and  
the Mayor for all your  
kindness & hospitality  
which made my visit  
to Redderrimister a very  
pleasant one

We had a good  
attendance here last  
night, but it did not

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OVER HALL  
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Sir Robert S. Ball. F. R. S.  
Astronomer Royal of Ireland. The Observatory,  
Dunsink, Co Dublin.

11 Nov 87.

My dear Mr Rotnera,  
You were I think  
kind enough to say that  
once more you invited me to  
your hospitable roof I now  
write to say that I hope to reach  
Nottingham at 1. 7 PM on the  
25<sup>th</sup> by Midland from Birmingham  
I shall drive to the Hall & then  
to your house.

Believe me to be

Yours very truly

Robert S. Ball



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AND NAVAUTICAL  
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SIR ROBERT S. BALL, F.R.S.  
Astronomer Royal of Ireland.  
Two Lectures—(1) VISIBLE STARS.  
(2) INVISIBLE STARS.



Observatory  
Co Dublin.  
16 July 1886.

Astronomical Theory of the  
Great Ice Age". It is true  
that the title is the same  
as that of my Royal Institution  
lectures but I think that  
this objection which you  
admit to be slight is more  
than outweighed by the  
interest of the subject.

Yours truly

Robert S Ball

The Secretary

London Institution

Finsbury Circus  
London EC

Dear Sir,

Owing to my absence on a  
cruise there has been some  
delay in replying to you

I tried today to say that  
I would lecture at the London  
Institution on Nov<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

I do not know any other  
subject that I could undertake  
which seems to possess so much  
interest at present as "The







OBSERVATORY,  
CAMBRIDGE.

11 Mar 11

Dear Mr Hill,

I am truly sorry to say  
social but unavoidable  
that I have an engagement, which  
takes me to Bristol on April 4<sup>th</sup>. It  
would otherwise have given me the  
greatest pleasure to be at the Platform  
Dinner.

But I should have felt  
somewhat of a fraud for my last Platform  
appearance as a lecturer will then be over. It  
is on April 1<sup>st</sup>! Candid friends tell me  
this means I am a fool to retire; others, still  
more candid, tell me it shows I was a fool  
ever to begin



But I wish you all, what I know  
you will have, and that is a very  
pleasant evening. Gerald Churty is  
indeed our "Right Trusty and Loyal Cousin"  
I doubt whether any one else occupied an  
important fiducial position with so many  
people and carried it through with the good  
feeling and success that he has done.

I hope you and the assembled  
"Princes & Princesses of the Platform"  
will allow me to consider myself a sort of  
Honorary Ex-Platformite so that on future  
occasions I may have the good fortune that  
is denied to me this time.

Yours truly

Robert Ball



OBSERVATORY,  
CAMBRIDGE.

7 Feb 1911.

Dear Sir,

I am sure you are often worried  
by communications like the enclosed.

If the Archangel Gabriel asked me  
to get lectures for him in England I do not  
know what I could do for him

Can you kindly suggest what kind  
about Edward Beecher Stone  
of answer I might send <sup>Broune himself</sup>  
<sup>whom I know well</sup>  
is a most capable young fellow. but my  
poetical faculties cannot rise to the height



of joining his "League to universalize  
the imaginative conception and  
interpretation of life"! nor even the  
"Progressive arts League"!

With kind regards

Remain

Yours truly

Robert Ball

Yours

The Lecture Agency.

The Outer Temple

Stand

London



BALL, Robert

A.L.S. dated Jan. 18, 1888  
to Mrs. Tomkinson thanking  
her for her hospitality

BALL, Robert  
Astronomer and  
Mathematician 1840-1913

Sir

Three A.L.S.

BALL, Robert

A. L. S. dated July 16, 1886  
to the Secretary of the  
London Institution agreeing  
to lecture there.

—— BALL (Sir Robert S.). 1840-1913. Astronomer and Mathematician. Royal Astronomer of Ireland. A Series of 3 A.Ls.S, *Observatory, Cambridge*, 1906-11 (where he was Professor of Astronomy), to a lecture agency regarding the giving of lectures, "If the Archangel Gabriel asked me to get lectures for him in England, I do not know what I could do for him . . . my poetical faculties cannot rise to the height of joining the 'League to universalize the imaginative conception and interpretation of life,' " etc.  
The 3 letters 21s



GALT

265 ——— 2 pp., 8vo, *St. James Place*, Nov. 16, 1835, to "My Dear Lord"  
"There are few greater calamities in life than to be born with  
huffish temper . . . the Captain may think himself fortunate that  
has hitherto escaped a duel" and quoting Dr. Johnson on "huffish"  
12s

**ROOSEVELT.** See AMERICA. SCHUYLER FAMILY.

266 **ROSSETTI** (Dante Gabriel). 1828-82. Pre-Raphaelite Poet and  
Painter. Cheque Signed, filled-out in his autograph, 18 *March*, 18